

RECONSTRUCTION OF FORT HAMILTON, NEW YORK
HARBOR.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR,
SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR RECON-
STRUCTION OF FORT HAMILTON, NEW YORK HARBOR.

JANUARY 21, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to
be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 20, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of War, of the 16th instant, submitting an estimate of appropriation for reconstruction of Fort Hamilton, New York Harbor, \$300,000, the same to be immediately available, and to remain available until expended.

Respectfully,

L. J. GAGE, *Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 16, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith, for transmission to Congress, an estimate (\$300,000) of appropriation for "Reconstruction of Fort Hamilton, New York Harbor," required for the use of the War

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Department for the service of the present fiscal year, and to remain available until expended.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT,
Secretary of War.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, January 14, 1902.

SIR: In compliance with your verbal instructions of the 8th instant, I have the honor to submit herewith special estimate for the purchase of necessary additional land, and beginning the work of reconstruction of, and improvements at the military post of Fort Hamilton, N. Y.

This post is situated in one of the residential suburbs of Brooklyn, N. Y., at the southern entrance of the Narrows, and commanding the channels leading thereto, through lower New York Bay. The reservation comprises 166.887 acres. The garrison of the post, as fixed by General Orders, Nos. 83, 126, and 156, Adjutant-General's Office, of 1901, consists of headquarters of the southern artillery district of New York, 1 band, 4 companies of coast artillery, and 1 battery of field artillery, aggregating about 22 officers and 630 men.

The present accommodations are inadequate for this garrison. Quarters, barracks, stables, and storehouses should be replaced by more suitable and modern buildings. The land available for building sites and drill grounds is not sufficient to lay out a post to properly meet the demands of the case. Being situated at the country's greatest seaport and in a suburb of Greater New York, which is constantly being improved and beautified, it is felt that this post should be one of ample dimensions, with the most modern facilities and in harmony with its surroundings. The total of this estimate is \$300,000, with which it is proposed to acquire about 43 acres of land adjoining the reservation on the north and east, extending to Ninety-second street on the north and Seventh avenue on the east—to begin the construction of modern quarters and barracks for officers and enlisted men, stables, gun shed, and shops for light battery, quartermasters and commissary storehouses and shops, enlargement of hospital, sewer and water systems, roads, walks and grading, upon a complete plan, to be approved by the Secretary of War, providing the necessary buildings to accommodate the garrison required for one relief for the guns composing the approved armament.

No definite plan can be prepared until it is known whether or not money will be appropriated to acquire additional land, as the area available will, of course, influence the arrangement and location of the necessary buildings.

The blue print herewith shows the extent of the reservation, location of buildings, and immediate neighborhood. The portions blocked out are not available for building sites. The greater part of the land to be acquired is unimproved.

Respectfully,

M. I. LUDINGTON,
Quartermaster-General, U. S. A.

The SECRETARY OF WAR.

*Estimate of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902,
by the Quartermaster Department, United States Army.*

WAR DEPARTMENT.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Reconstruction of Fort Hamilton, New York Harbor—

For the purchase of necessary additional land and for beginning the reconstruction of and making improvements at the military post of Fort Hamilton, New York Harbor, funds to be immediately available, and until expended (submitted)	\$300,000
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